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Monday Night, November 11, 1974 - 8:00 P.M.

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For the daffodils in the early Spring,
For the colored Fall, flaming goldenrod,
For the Winter time, and the pure white snow,
And the Summer birds that sing."
Thanksgiving time is a time to say
"Thanks be to God for everything."
Thanks be to God for everything,
For the miracle of the morn',
For the planting time, for the harvest time,
For the fields of yellow corn,
For the clear, cool streams, the rivers wide,
For the oceans blue, and green.
Thanksgiving time is a time to say
Thanks be to God for everything.
Thanksgiving time, thanks be to God
Is the prayer we all should pray,
Then do our best to bring about
A good Thanksgiving Day
For God has given us his best,
Our freedom bell still rings.
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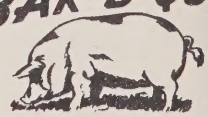
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R. L. Pugh, 33°

"The 1774 Reunion" will begin in just a few days after you have received this copy of the BAGPIPE. Our plans for a tremendous Reunion have been completed and we are looking forward to those three days, hoping that we can intensify the enthusiasm and interest that already have been so pronounced!

We have had some excellent and stimulating reports from all areas of our Valley and these reports convince us that we will have the largest class that we have had in many a year.

We have some additional features for this "1774 Reunion" which are scheduled and we would like for as many of our Brethren as possible to be present for these activities. First of all, our Awards Night, during the Tuesday evening dinner hour, will feature a presentation of fifty-year Veterans caps to some of our Brethren who have become eligible. It will also feature the presentation of 32° jewelled caps and Service Award Medals to those of our industrious Brethren who earned them last season.

We once again would like to direct the attention of all of our Brethren to an important change in our schedule for degree presentation on Thursday. The 30° will be conferred at 9:00 A.M. instead of 9:30 as heretofore. The mid-day lunch will be served at 11:45 A.M. and the 31° will be conferred promptly at 1:00 P.M. instead of 1:30 as heretofore. The 32° will go on at 3:00 P.M., and we hope that in this change the 32° will conclude about 4:00 or 4:30. This will permit our Brethren to return to their homes in the early evening, thus complying with the request so many of them have made during previous Reunions.

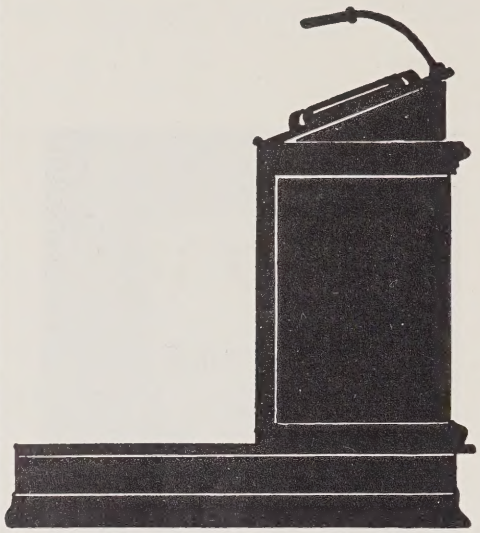
In the meantime, there are still a few days left for you to contact your prospective candidate. You will be glad to know, that assisting us in these contacts are many of the ladies who were members of the last "Wives of the Candidates" class during our Spring Reunion. These ladies were so enthusiastic about the degrees their husbands had received that they wanted other wives to share this same high privilege and they are busy contacting their friends whose husbands are eligible for the degrees. This type of enthusiasm we heartily welcome.

Brethren, let's use the remaining days to our best advantage.

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

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Our Order is more than a fraternity of good fellows, engaged in the benevolent practices of friendships and relief. It is a militant order, a Knighthood, devoted to the cause of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

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The Scottish Rite seeks to cultivate in the hearts of men, personal morality and the sentiment of tolerance and fraternity. What has been said and done by the historic emancipators for the liberation of the human mind is vividly portrayed in its Degrees and the Scottish Rite Mason is dedicated to the effort to make the spirit of Masonry regnant in society.

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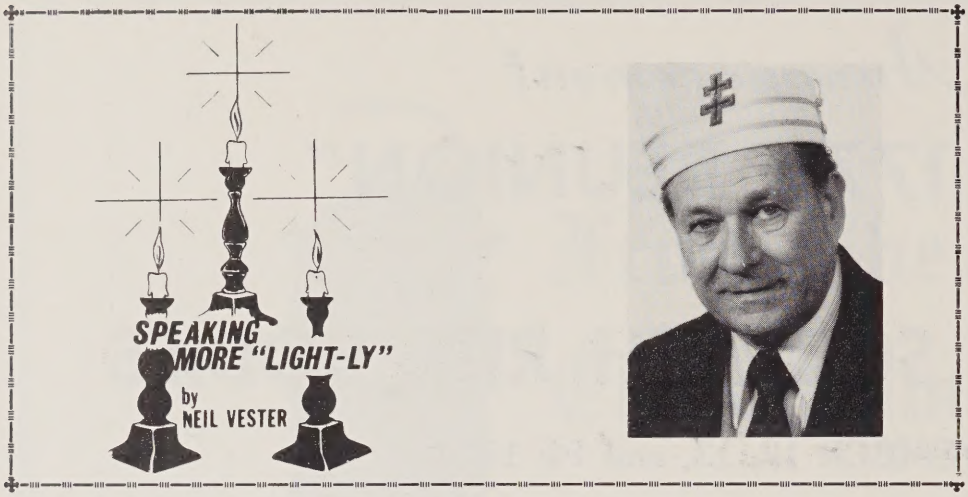
Three days of moral and spiritual enlightenment. Those eligible Master Masons who have never known the inspiring thrill of dramatic revelations of the truth, will have the most enlightening experience available for them during these three days. We congratulate them upon such an opportunity as is now being presented to them.

In addition to the beautiful and inspiring dramatization on the stage of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, we are pleased to offer some additional features to complete a program which will be generally regarded as one of the best.

On Tuesday evening, November 13th, at the dinner hour, we will observe "Awards Night". At this time we will not only award the service medals and 32° caps to those Brethren who have earned them, but we will also present Fifty Year Veteran Caps to some of our members who have become eligible.

At the Wednesday evening dinner hour we hope to have our Inspector General with us. He is always an inspiration and our Reunions are never considered complete unless he is present.

The new schedule that we are following has been a tremendous help to our Brethren. Concluding the latter part of Thursday afternoon, it enables our members who live some distance away to return to their homes before the late evening hour. This schedule has proven to be most successful and we are pleased to follow it once again.



THANKFULNESS

For music, for laughter, for love,
for rain;
For the golden sun that ripens the
grain . . .
For flowers, for birds, for trees and
streams
For minds and hearts; most of all for
dreams.
For hands that make those dreams come
true
For bodies strong, and obedient too.
For the miracle, Life; it is nothing less.
We sing glad paeans of thankfulness.

The Scrap Book

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Speaking in Quotes: A ninety-seven-year-old man when asked the secret of his youth replied, "I make the most of life as it comes, and the least of life as it goes." *Anon.*

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Self-inspection is the best cure for self-esteem. *Wordsworth*

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The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear. *Socrates*

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When you take a bath, you are civilized, when you don't take a bath, you are cultured. *Lin Yutang*

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I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do. *Willa Cather*

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Speaking With the Ladies: To quote Frank McKinney Hubbard, "Wouldn't th' way things are goin' these days make a fine argyment in favor of woman suffrage if we didn't already have it?"

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Doctor: "Why do you have A-5906 tattooed on your back?"

Patient: "That's not tattooed. That's where my wife ran into me while I was opening the garage door."

Husband: "I have no bad habits."

Friend: "Don't you even smoke?"

Husband: "Only in moderation. I like a cigar after a good dinner, but I don't suppose I smoke two cigars a month."

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The phone rang and the young mother answered. Came her mother's voice saying: "I phone, dear, to find out if Dad and I could leave your children with Tom and you tonight. We are invited out for the evening."

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"You know, dear, John doesn't seem to be as well dressed as he was when you married him."

"That's funny, I'm sure it's the same suit."

Speaking in Jest: A doctor and a lawyer in separate vehicles collided on U. S. 95 one foggy night. The fault was questionable, but both were shaken up, and the lawyer offered the doctor a drink from a pocket flask. The doctor took the flask with a shaking hand and belted back several long swallows. As the lawyer then started to cap the flask, the doctor asked, "Aren't you going to have one, too for your nerves?"

"Of course I am," replied the lawyer, "after the Highway Patrol gets here."

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Despite warnings from his guide, an American skiing in Swtizerland got separated from his group and fell - uninjured - into a deep crevasse. Several hours later, a rescue party found the yawning pit and, to reassure the stranded skier, shouted down to him, "We're from the Red Cross!"

"Sorry," the imperturable American echoed back, "I already gave at the office!"

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We've heard of a new low in community standing: a man whose credit rating is so bad his money isn't accepted.

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Then there was the crooked crematory operator who sold the ashes to cannibals as Instant People.

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And of course you've heard about the pessimistic historian whose latest book has chapter headings that read "World War One," "World War Two" and "Watch This Space".

Speaking From His Book: A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards. Prov. 29:11

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SUBJECT: "CLAUSEN'S COMMENTARIES on MORALS and DOGMA"

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

A magazine article last month told of this woman who was some kind of upset because the hurricane folks keep right on giving feminine names to their hurricanes. She said if they really wanted to keep the hurricanes from hitting us they ought to name 'em after men. If they did that, she said, not a single hurricane would ever get past the Virgin Islands.

I don't blame the lady for being upset. I've been introduced to a considerable number of hurricanes and not one of 'em ever acted like a lady. To me, at least, this business of giving feminine names to hurricanes is just another indication that the hurricane experts don't know what they're doing - either the hurricanes or themselves. That's probably the reason they name 'em after women, they never know what they're going to do next.

And something else: Women drivers aren't all that bad, either - except when they have somebody along to talk to.

My favorite woman pulled a good one the other night.

A group of us were sitting around just talking about things in general and the conversation somehow got around to red bugs - or chiggers, if you prefer. Any number of ringing testimonials were offered as to the general uselessness and all-around cussedness of the creatures, and there was widespread agreement that the average red bug can cause torment and aggravation all out of proportion to his size and conspicuousness.

The conversation then naturally developed into a variety of prescriptions for the avoidance of red bugs in the first place, followed by another variety of prescriptions for treating the bites if the first place prescriptions are not successful.

At this point Mary Frances waxed most eleoquent. She told exactly what it is that you can put on a red bug that will relieve the intolerable itch of the same

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

and that they will also positively and unhesitatingly end the career of that particular red bug. She spoke with such authority that she had every head in the group wagging in agreement, and several of those present asked her to repeat her prescription in order that they might be sure just how to properly deal with future asaults by the chigger clan.

On the way home someone in the car mentioned Dr. Smith's (Smith is not his real name) avid interest in the discussion. "Doctor!" Mary Frances exclaimed, "did you say *Doctor?*" Being assured that friend Smith was indeed a doctor, a regular M.D. type, Mary Frances was distraught. "Oh, my," she moaned, "he must have thought I was a real smart aleck, dishing out all my medical advice."

I'll bet he didn't, though. And if he did, he's all wrong. Mary Frances' red bug remedy really *does* work. I know - she's used it successfully many times on me and the kids.

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It wouldn't be fair, now, to tell that tale on Mary Frances without also admitting to a faux pas yours truly pulled off the other night.

I was reading in bed and kept noticing slight movement out of the corner of my eye. So I took a real gander and what it was was a great big old hairy spider maneuvering around on the ceiling, directly above my head. Well, his presence was unsettling to the state of tranquility in which I had been so happily ensconced, so I determined forthwith to eradicate him. I rolled up my magazine and stood up on the bed.

Anyone who has ever stood on a bed knows it is not the firmest footing available; it's a teetery, tottery sort of business at best. So my first order of business, upon standing up, was to look down at my feet as they endeavored to adopt the best stance possible under the circumstances. Then I looked up. I was nose to nose with that spider!

This I had not anticipated - I had not realized I was going to be so near the ceiling. I wasn't elated about it, either.

You have to someday get nose to nose with a big, hairy spider to fully appreciate my emotions. Positioned there, right off the end of my nose, he looked like maybe he was big as a crab, and twice as fearsome.

Right away my uncertain footing on the bed was rendered ever so much more uncertain. I couldn't have stood up there if I'd been lashed to a pole. I fell across the bed, bounced twice, and landed on the floor. I don't know what ever happened to the spider, not unless he laughed himself to death.

Maybe I wouldn't be quite so fearful of spiders, but a black widow bit me when I was a boy, and I've never forgotten it. Since then every spider I see is poisonous; if it doesn't have an hourglass on it, then it has a sun dial, or an alarm clock, or something. All I know is, it's a spider. That's enough.

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TIVITIES

Tuesday, November 12, 1974

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis, Marshall Harvey and Lee K. Allen.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptill, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, Leroy Price, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, W. C. Kellum, Bill Stovall and T. H. Miller.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. W. J. Rogers, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, Paul Jewett and Leslie H. Garner.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. Frank Noble, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Sam Taylor and Bert Conner.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon, Paul Vogan, Gus Laube and W. C. Kellum.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly, Dusty Rhoades, Royce Jordan and Garland E. Taylor.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., William C. Kellum and Marshall Harvey.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Pete Thomas and E. P. Blair.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards' Night.

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7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptill, James E. Blaylock, Tommy Phelps, Oscar Kafer, Bob Divoky, Howard B. Constant, Jack Edwards and William N. Vestal, Jr.

Wednesday, November 13, 1974

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Wilmer Chesson, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhoades, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree, Wm. G. Haire, Charles A. Litchfield anh Gus Laube.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Pete Thomas, Edward Ray Edwards, Roy Edwards and Lloyd Nixon.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell, Joe Dryden and R. Hoyt Randall.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

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Communicated.
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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell, Royden Caulk and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Inspector General's Night.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, Raymond Smith, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Wm. R. Waters, W. H. Scott, Bill Stovall, Bill Blair and William N. Vestal, Jr.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilbourne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs, W. M. Rhoades and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, November 14, 1974

9:00 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.
1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Clifton White and Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette, Walter Lamm and Mark Ellis.

3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.

4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony, E. S. Sasser and Herman L. Barnes.

11:45 A.M. —Luncheon.

1:00 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, Warren H. Coolidge, Pete Thomas, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson, Neil Vester and Gus Laube.

3:00 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carroll Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall, C. W. Guptill and Gus Laube.

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This being true, those who portray the degrees deserve our sympathy. Failure or success for them so often depends on the whim of the gallery, or the quality of the script. But we must reserve the most of our sympathy for those of us who assume that we have the power to judge and praise or condemn a work. The simple truth is that great drama is seldom judged by us, but rather it judges us as it sweeps along. We are often pathetically unaware that each time we see the portrayal of our degrees we are being judged and challenged.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

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We are more enlightened and humane than those who condemned great men of the past. We know that they were the innocent victims of man's ignorance and failure to judge aright. But most of us fail to realize as we discuss the technical points of the drama that here is no ancient work that has long ago ended its run. For the Lord of life has ever and always been empaled on the Cross of man's sin and ignorance.

God has a part for each of us in the unfolding drama. "For we are laborers together with God." His designs set on the trestleboard of our life must ever be the rule and guide of our life. We may reject the challenge - possibly through annoyance at the smallness of our role - but we can not ignore it, for our lessons are uplifted in the very center of the world's stage. And with the challenge comes the invitation to labor together with God in working out his eternal purposes. Ours may not even be a speaking part - but it will certainly be a part which no one else can take equally well; for all of us "the part of a life-time." Our life becomes more abundant only when we see it is an adventure lived in cooperation with God, without thought of any reward save only the joy of knowing that we do His will.

For all of us there can be no more glorious role than this, calling for the dedication of every talent he possesses. Even as we learn our parts things as they are will be brought nearer to things as they ought to be. We are created for this role - for God is determined that the sequel to the age-old drama of the ignorance of man shall be brought to its happy ending in his own good time. "Until then, my brethren, work in the quarries of life as though this was the last hour Masonry had to prove her manly art."

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Richard Dallam Shinkle, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Born: Covington, Kentucky
August 15, 1904

Died: New Bern, N. C.
September 9, 1974

Richard Dallam Shinkle, retired Methodist minister, was born in Covington, Kentucky, August 15, 1904. In his early years he attended a military academy in Kentucky and subsequently enlisted in the Civil Air Patrol during World War II when he flew numerous missions on submarine patrol in the Gulf of Mexico when he was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas. He also was a base officer of the CAP in this same town where he met and married the former Maxine Bailey, of Monterey, Mexico. who was also working in Corpus Christi. He rendered distinguished service as a member of the Civil Air Patrol and for his valorous efforts he was awarded the CAP Medal for Distinguished Service.

Following the war, Brother Shinkle became interested in Chamber of Commerce work and served several years as a Chamber Secretary in eastern Florida, later moving to Kissimmee where he was engaged in this same type of work.

He then became interested in newspaper work in the field of reporting and editing and he moved to Scotland Neck, North Carolina, where he became editor of the paper there. Later, he was employed as editor of "The Havelock Progress" in Craven County and moved to Havelock where he made his home for a number of years. While living in Havelock, he was engaged as a Civil Service employee in the Traffic and Transportation Department and later was transferred to the Fiscal Department.

During this period of time he accepted a call to the ministry in the United Methodist Church and began a period of service covering more than ten years in that capacity. His first United Methodist charge was in Ocracoke, North Carolina, where he served from 1961 until 1963. In 1963 he was transferred to the Williston and Smyrna churches and served them until 1965. He then moved once again to Craven County where he was a minister of the Beech Grove Church from 1965 through 1969. The next two years he served the United Methodist congregation in Straits and North River, subsequently retiring in 1970 to New Bern where he has continued to reside at 407 Avenue D.

In 1967, Dick was appointed as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina by the then Grand Master, Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., 33°, and in this role he added a new dimension to the position. During his year as Grand Chaplain he wrote a personal letter to the widow of each Master Mason who died during the year. This custom he repeated each of the years thereafter when, because of his effectiveness in this position, he was subsequently appointed by several of the succeeding Grand Masters.

His effectiveness and popularity in the position of Grand Chaplain was the factor that led to his appointment as Chaplain of Sudan Shrine Temple, in which position he served for several years.

Bro. Shinkle had also served in the top positions of each of the four Scottish Rite Bodies and on October 22, 1963, his service in Scottish Rite Masonry was recognized by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite when on that date he was elected to receive the Investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, one of the highest honors accorded a Scottish Rite Mason. He had originally received his Scottish Rite Degrees in El Paso, Texas from which, in 1957, he transferred his membership to the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies. His Blue Lodge membership was also transferred to Newport Lodge No. 706 in Newport, North Carolina.

Among the many fine characteristics our beloved brother possessed in such abundance was his keen interest in visiting the sick, especially those who were confined to the hospital. Rare indeed did a Mason enter the hospital as a patient but that he received a visit from Bro. Shinkle. He then would proceed to notify the fraternal office of this member's illness to appraise them of the condition of their member.

Truly, a great man has fallen and he will be missed.

SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Thursday night, Oct. 4, 1974. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all present. Brother Alton Gurganus made a splendid talk in an effort to fill the brethren with enthusiasm to work hard for the fall reunion, recognizing the great need of the Scottish Rite teachings in our world today.

When we view the world about us today, and listen and think about the troubles that infest our land, it is perhaps useful as we approach this Thanksgiving day to recall how much each and every one of us has to be grateful for.

Our most precious gift, our freedom, we tend to take for granted, which is a very good way to lose it. We can say what we want, go where we will, associate with whom we wish and worship as we please. And to lack those rights as more than half the world does - is to be but half alive.

We have this bountiful land, so rich in everything that matters, in which no man must be a lord and none must remain a serf. And if there are inequities - and there are - the dream and the promise remain unsullied.

We ought to be thankful that although the fires of patriotism sometimes seem to burn low, each generation has raised up sons worthy of their fathers, men who know where their duty lay and made the hard choice, some at a heavy price. The future is theirs and they have earned it.

For the laughter of children, the warmth of our homes, the haunting cry of wild geese on a cold winter's morning and the sighing of the wind in the pine trees, we ought to be truly grateful.

And for the beautiful autumn leaves, scarlet and gold and amber, for pale sunsets and flaming dawns, for broad fields and far horizons which tempt his nomad spirit, we owe a debt we never can pay.

For the taste of freshly cooked food, of luscious fruit right from the tree shared with someone we love, we ought to be thankful.

For poets and painters composers and musicians, which has done so much to enrich our lives, we should be eternally grateful.

And for these things also;

Parents who delight in our meager accomplishments and are blind to our great failings; wives who know us best and yet, against all logic, insist on loving us, old friends, comfortable as well worn shoes, whose company alone is balm; brothers and siters who, while they see our faults, are prepared to overlook them.

For work to do and the strength to do it; for a good night's sleep and the challenge of a new day; for a roof over ones head, for flowers, for time to think; for the feeling of renewal which comes with spring and the bittersweet sadness of autumn.

For horses and birds and rabbits, the whole menagerie of fur, feather and hide which lives only to remind man that he too, is one of the earth's creatures, at once its master, tenant, and servant.

For the teachers who have taught us, the policeman who guard our darkened streets, the physicians who have healed us, the fireman who risk their lives to save those of others, for those who stand guard in foreign lands so that we can

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remain safe at home, for those who continue to strive for honest government instead of just lamenting its absence, for all those who try in so many ways to make this a fairer society, a stronger nation and a better world, each of us should be grateful.

We see every day the consequences of avarice, fear, lust, and envy, pride and arrogance. We glorify the inconsequential and the transistory.

And yet there is not one of us who at sometime in his life has not been the recipient of a kindness, who has not been surprised by joy. For that, and for so much else, each of us ought to return thanks for this Thanksgiving day.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Dare Scottish Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club met at the Dare County Shrine Club at 8:00 P.M. on October 15, 1974.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Wechter.

The invocation was offered up by Brother W. W. Johnston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary.

A financial report of the club was also made.

A motion was made and seconded to donate $10.00 to the Dare County Cancer Funds. After the usual vote the President directed the Secretary-Treasurer to mail to the Dare County Cancer Funds a check for $10.00.

There was a discussion of the club's project, of canes, crutches, and etc. for the needy; so far the club has not issued any equipment to any one, but is standing ready to help when the occasion arises.

Brother Bob Smith brought up the subject of getting candidates for the Scottish Rite Bodies, which is the primary duty of our club. It was suggested we check with the Blue Lodge and get the names of all the newly raised Master Masons.

President Wechter announced we would have our next meeting early in January, dinner and election of officers for the coming year, date and place will be determined in due time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Refreshments of home-made chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream was served by the club members, and no one seemed to have a weight problem.

Reuben E. Payne
Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

A regular meeting of the Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club was held at 8:00 P.M., Oct. 9 at the Masonic Temple in Elizabeth City. A goodly number of our club's 123 members were present and a most informative meeting followed. Among the items discussed were the Ladies Night Banquet to be held at the Masonic Temple on Oct. 30. Special emphasis was placed on the forthcoming reunion. All members were urged to shake the bushes in an effort to secure candidates for this reunion. After the close of the business portion of the meeting a good fellowship hour was enjoyed by all present.

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Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club met at Brockway Hall July 18, 1974 at 9:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Brother Lee K. Allen, Vice-President, with 15 members attending. The meeting was called for purpose of preparing for the forthcoming reunion in November, and also to enlist new members for our local club.

Brother Allen also encouraged members to try to qualify for degree work on one of the ritualistic teams to help in all Scottish Rite reunions. No further business was on the agenda at this time so the meeting was closed with prayer by Bro. John Ballard.

M. D. Stamps, Secretary

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The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club had a regular meeting at Brockway Hall on September 25th at 9:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Brother Jesse Gurganus, President. Invocation was given by Brother Jack Deloy. Eighteen members and one visitor were present.

The matter discussed was the proposed Ladies Night dinner prior to the November reunion. Brothers Don Haley, Lee K. Allen and Walt Perrey were appointed to work out details as to the location of dinner, date, speaker, menu, etc., and report at the October 3rd meeting. A list of all newly made Master Masons was given to club members to contact them and invitations will be sent to them to attend the dinner with their wives. No further business was discussed and the meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Norwood Sanders.

Mark D. Stamps, Secretary

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

The meeting was called to order by President Bro. Claude Sawyer, P.M. and the minutes were read and approved of the previous meeting.

The President asked for and received names of prospective members that might be invited to the Pre-Reunion Scottish Rite Ladies Night set for Oct. 26th at 7 P.M. at West Carteret High School, and a program was tentatively presented for the occasion.

A letter was read from Bro. Pugh regarding correspondence he had with Bro. Elbert P. Gaskill, recommending as Bro. Gaskill had suggested, that at future Scottish Rite dinners, members wear various hats they had received as rewards for their Scottish Rite activity - black, red, and/or white hats.

It was suggested the Secretary correspond with Scottish Rite Bodies, New Bern, regarding those of our members who carry Newport RFD No. addresses.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Floyd Chadwick, Secretary

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

At our meeting held on the 30th of September, 1974, Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club held their first meeting of the new year at the Back Swamp Community Building near Richlands, N. C.

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President David Brewington called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. Invocation was given by Brother Allen Stafford, following which 47 members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the Back Swamp Ruritan Club.

After the ladies had made sure that all those present were adequately stuffed, we heard a report on the Onslow County Manpower Planning office presented by Manpower co-ordinator Ken Floan.

The prospective candidates of the fall reunion and their ladies were introduced by their sponsors. Everyone was reminded of the Ladies Night to be held October 17 at the Jacksonville Moose Lodge. The membership in general was encouraged to get out and recruit candidates for the fall reunion.

Benediction was given by Brother Everett Barbee.

Harold E. McNair, Sr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Swansboro Scottish Rite Club

We have not met since my last letter, but that does not mean we have not been active. Many of us are involved in preparations for Swansboro's 20th Annual Mullet Festival planned for October 12th. Incidentally, again this year as last year, the fine seafood dinner for this event is being prepared and served by the Onslow Shrine Club. Thanks Nobles!!

Our next meeting is to be held at Seaside Lodge on October 18th. This is to be our Ladies Night and we're planning to have steak with the usual trimmings prepared under the watchful eye of Brother Lee Gearhart. This also requires meal preparations, thus keeping some of us quite busy.

Another activity helping keep us busy is our annual Seaside Lodge seafood dinner scheduled for October 25th. "You all" come on these dates and enjoy some good food and fellowship with us.

As you can see the month of October is quite busy for the brothers in Swansboro, but being active increases our interest in promoting Free Masonry from the E. A. degree all the way through the Mystic Shrine.

Fraternally,
Donald C. Taylor, 32°
Secretary-Treasurer

LOST MEMBERS

If you can be of any assistance in helping us locate ony of these members, please advise the Secretary's office, Box 1449, New Bern, N. C. 28560, *at once:*

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ACTIVE MEMBER RECEIVES PROMOTION

A good many of our members will remember Brother Ralph D. Guyer, Jr., who became a 32° Mason while he was serving as U. S. Air Force Recruiting Officer in New Bern. He was active in the Scottish Rite work, and found in it a delightful medium for the expression of his keen interest. Subsequently, he was tranferred to Greensboro where he was serving as Supervisor of this Recruiting Sector and our members will be pleased to read the following announcement which was released the latter part of July 1974 and which tells the story of his recent promotion to Senior Master Sergeant:

"Master Sergeant Ralph D. Guyer, Jr., U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service sector supervisor in Greensboro, has recently been promoted to Senior Master Sergeant.

A 43-year old veteran with more than 24 years service, Sergent Guyer supervises 10 recruiter salesmen and is a test administrator for a 13-county area of northwestern North Carolina. Since his assignment as sector supervisor, he and his men have been top producers in overall recruiting in competition with four other such groups in an 81-county area of North and South Carolina.

Prior to his present assignment, Sergeant Guyer served as an Air Force recruiter in New Bern, N. C., from 1966-1969, and in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his services there in 1970.

A consistent winner of medals, Sergeant Guyer has been awarded the Air Force Commendation medal three times, and was selected Outstanding Recruiter of the Year in Air Force Recruiting Service, in 1969.

Both natives of High Point, N. C., Sergeant Guyer and his wife, Marcelene, have two sons: Duane, 20 and Brent, 16, who reside with them at their High Point address.

Ralph Guyer's many friends in the Scottish Rite heartily congratulate him on this promotion and extend to him their very best wishes for continued success in his field."

Ralph D. Guyer, 32°

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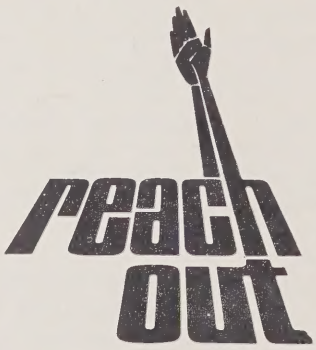

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